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(The Lunar Desert)

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TO THE FAR
WEST, AT
THE END OF
THE EARTH,
LIES
PARADISE.

WITHOUT
HUNGER,
WITHOUT
SICKNESS
WITHOUT
PAIN...
IN THAT
PLACE...

THERE
IS ONLY
BEAUTIFUL
STILLNESS

Tsuki no Sabaku

IN A LAND
OF NIGHT.





WERE YOU
CHASED OUT
OF YOUR
TOWN BY
THE WAR?

THERE
SHOULDN'T
BE ANY
TOWNS
READY

BUT...

EVEN IF YOU
COULD FIND
FUEL, THERE'S
NO CHANCE
OF TOWNS OR
VILLAGES.



FLASH



COVER
YOUR
EYES

THE
SAVED-
WORLD'S
COMING

...FIRE
FROM THE
SKY—IT



BOOM!!

SSS

HOW DID
YOU MAKE
IT THIS FAR
ALREADY



—COME
WITH ME.

THE
“PEAK
OF GOD”
BURST
DOWN.

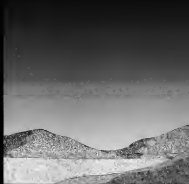
AND THE
LONG WAR
ENDED.



DID YOU
DO THAT?

THE LAST
BIG CITY
DISAPPEARED
FROM THE
EARTH...

THAT
DAY.



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FAR TO
THE WEST,
AT THE ENDS
OF THE
EARTH...

THERE'S
NO LAND
BEYOND
THIS POINT
SUITABLE
FOR HUMAN
LIFE.

ONLY
SADDER
DEBERT
STRETCHES
ON.

Click...







— COME
WITH ME.

WE'LL
HOLD THIS

WE'D
BETTER
SPONT,
OR WE'LL
BE LATE

WE'LL
HOLD THIS

WE'LL
HOLD THIS



WELL,
THAT TOOK
A COUPLE
YEARS OFF
MY LIFE



TREASURE.

YOU JUST
HANDLED IT
OVER... WHAT
IF I HAD
TAKEN IT AND
RUN?



THIS IS PRETTY
HEAVY. WHAT
THE HELL IS IN
THIS THING,
ANYWAY?

I THINK
I'M GIVING
AN ASTHMA
ATTACK



SHAME
WE HAD TO
MEET LIKE
THIS.

—

WHO ARE
YOU?



DON'T
YOU JUST
RUN?

—

SCHE



JEFF,
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO INTRODUCE
YOURSELF IN
RESPONSE, YOU KNOW

GATE
NAME

DON'T
A ROSE*
SCHE KIND
OF GETTING
AWAY?

*LSD: A non-prescribed anti-AD is the name of a common therapy antipsychotic, generally a new derived to avoid nausea and other problems common



ER, YOU'RE
ERBITY?
YOU'RE THE
DOCTOR?

I HEARD YOU
WERE PART OF
THE TANK TANK
DURING THE
LAST WAR, SO I
THOUGHT YOU'D
BE A LOT OLDER

YOU CAME
TO SEE
ME, THEN?



I WAS A
LIVELY
TEENAGER.

I WAS
EVEN A BIT
OF A STAR
IN MY DAY.



USE TEN
YEARS PAST,
I'M STILL A
POPULAR
BOY.

THOUGH
MY GOLDEN
BOYS WENT
CREATING
"ARMIES OF"

—AND—



BE
CAREFUL,
CHIEF



BANG!

THUNK



WE'VE
BEEN THERE
THINGS A BIT
TOO FAR
RECENTLY

—EVEN
SO.

THEY DON'T
LIKE US
HANGING OUT
WITH CERTAIN
PEOPLE



LOOKS LIKE
THEY WON'T
TALK TO FOR
AN ANSWER.



NEARLY
THE END,
NOW.

THE
FIRE OF
REDEMPTION
...

AS A
RESULT,
THE EARTH
BECAME A
VERY SILENT
PLACE.

WITHOUT
EXCEPTION,
EVERY CITY
LARGE
ENOUGH TO
BE CALLED
A CITY WAS
RAZED TO THE
GROUND.

DID NOT
CREATE ANY
WINNERS OR
LOSERS IN
THE GREAT
WAR.

IT'S "O".

— FOR
A TIME.

IT WILL
SPELL THE
END FOR
US ALL.

BUT IF IT
FINISHES OVER
THE MOUNTAINS
AND SPREADS
ACROSS THE
LAND,

GOOD GOD
AT THIS RATE,
IT WILL EVEN
REACH OUR
OWN TERRI-
TORY!

THE
CONTAMIN-
TION IS
SPREADING.

WELCOME
HOME.

OH, A
VISITOR?

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
WAVE A
FLAG.

WELL,
HOW ABOUT
SOME TEA?

I HAVEN'T
MADE ANY
PREPARA-
TIONS.

THIS IS
GLADDER
WHAT
SHALL I
DO?



THAT THE
POPULATION
HAS DECLINED TO
THIS EXTENT IS
ALSO DUE TO THE
LACK OF HEROES
DURING THE END
OF THE WAR.

EVEN IF
"BARBARUS"
WON'T BEEN
SO VICIOUSLY USED,
THE END RESULT
WOULD PROBABLY
HAVE BEEN THE
SAME.

120

OF A MAD
SCIENTIST WHO
SLAUGHTERED AT
RANDOM, TAKING
OUT ALLIES AND
ENEMIES BOTH.

I'VE
HEARD
RUMORS...

PEOPLE
ALSO
BREAK
DOWN,
WITH THE
PERSUASION
OF "HAIL."

HE
MUST BE
ONE OF
THESE.

WELL,
SOME
PEOPLE
STRET OUT
BECKON,
TOO.

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AREN'T YOU
FRIGHTENED
...

A LOT OF
PEOPLE
HAVE DIED
BECAUSE
OF YOU.

...DOCTOR.

!

TO ASK ME
TO SLAUGHTER
A WHOLE SLASH
MORE PEOPLE
FOR YOU,
DON'T YOU?

YOU
CAME
HERE...



BUT IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN TOO
DIFFICULT TO
CONTAIN THE BOMB
FROM RADIOACTIVE
FALLOUT IS TOO GREAT.



THERE IS NO
VACCINE OR CURE,
AND IT HAS A HIGH
MORTALITY RATE.
— WE CONSIDERED
USING NUCLEAR
WEAPONS TO
ERADICATE IT.



IT'D LIKE YOU
TO PURGE A
LAND CONTAMINATED BY AN
EPIDEMIC WITH
"AIRBORNE".

THEIR
WORLD WOULD BE A
DARKER AREA.



I'M
BESOGN
YOU, PLEASE,
DOCTOR—!



BUT THE
LORE OF
MIRACLES
FIRE...

THERE'S
NOTHING
ELSE...



IT'S—

GO AHEAD
AND TELL YOU
THE THING THAT
INTERESTS ME
LEAST.

LET
ME...

THE
MIRACLES







ABOUT YOUR
SON—



MY SON
AND I
BOTH LOVE
THESE



SWEETS
SOOTHE
THE SOUL...



THIS—
OH, WELL, NOT
TOO MANY
PEOPLE THINK
THAT BEESLY OF
IT, NOT...

BEAUTY?

IS
THAT
GOTT

WHAT
LOVELY
HAIR COLOR
YOU HAVE.







YOU GOT
WAS...GROSS
ON PURPOSE,
DON'T YOU?



HEY?



I HAD NO IDEA
YOU WERE SO
ILL-TEMPERED.



HE'S A
CUTE BOY,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

WHY
DON'T YOU
BE NICE
TO HIM.



EVERYONE
CAN GET
ALONG,
DON'T YOU
THINK?



I MAY
BE THE ONE
WHO KILLED
YOUR SON.

SHAM

WITHOUT
FIGHTING
AND STRUG-
GLING SO

THE
TRUTH
IS, WE
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
MAKE OUR
WAY IN
THIS LIFE,

GOD
DIDN'T GIVE
US CLAWS
OR FANGS



WHAT ON
EARTH ARE
YOU
PEOPLE —





BA-AM!

DASH

WH-
WH-
WH-

BA-
BANG!





WHY?

MAKING HER
COULD HAVE
LIVED A LONG
AND HAPPY
LIFE...

EVERYONE
JUST MOVES
ALONG THEIR
OWN PATH IN
THEIR OWN
WAY, THAT'S
ALL

MIGHT AS
WELL SAY
THE SAME
ABOUT THE
UNFORTUNATE
MEN WHO
DIED AT 16

THAT OLD
LADY WAS
A GOOD
PERSON,
RIGHT?

SHE EVEN
SACRIFICED
FOR SOME
HOSPITALITY,
DOCTOR.

IS THIS
JUST ONE
MORE
THING...

FOR
YOU TO
NOT CARE
ABOUT?





BUT, INSTEAD
I'LL COOPERATE
WITH THEM
IN ORDER
TO LIVE
HAPPILY

...HERE.

I'LL GO
WITH YOU
TO YOUR
COUNTRY.



YOU CAN
HAVE THE
GUESTS.



THEY'LL
FILL
YOUR HEART
WITH DEATH.



FOR A BRIEF
MOMENT...



BELIEVE
MUCH IN
GOD.



I NEVER
DID...

AMONG THOSE
ORPHANED CHILDREN
WHO ESCAPED TO
ALLIED TERRITORIES
THERE WERE THOSE
WHO WERE TAKEN IN
BY "GOD"...

DEVELOPED
INTO A
CONFLICT
WHICH WENT
ON TO TARGET
EVEN WOMEN,
CHILDREN
AND THE
ELDERLY.

THE HATRED
BETWEEN TWO
NATIONS THAT
DIFFERED IN
RACE AND
RELIGION...

BARRETT.

I WAS
ONE OF
THOSE
CHILDREN.



YOU WERE SICK
AGAIN, WEREN'T
YOU?



KEEPING
HEADS
WOULDN'T
BE FUN



IF YOU'RE
CAREFUL,
YOU'LL BE IN
FOR A LECTURE
ON GET YOUR
HEADS OUT

YOU
SHOULDN'T
CUT ON
HEADS



YOU WERE
SPENDING
YOUR BREAK
IN HALLS FOR
IT EARLIER,
RIGHT?

A DOG?
A CAT?

SO WHAT
ARE YOU
KEEPING
HIDDEN AWAY
THIS TIME?



I FELT GUILTY ABOUT
THAT, SO I DECIDED TO
TAKE SOME TIME NOW
FOR MENTAL TRAINING
AND ABSTINENCE



RIGHT?

YOU KNOW,
WE GO TO MASS
TOGETHER,
WE'RE FRIENDS



HE'S A nice
dud, but...



YOU'RE
NOT THE
TYPE

I AM
THE
FOREST



SHALL
THINGS HAVE
HAPPENED TO
LOTS OF KIDS
WHO CAME
HERE

IF I TOLD
YOU MY "STORY"
GUY WAS A
PAGAN CHILD,
I THINK YOU
LOVE IT!

NO
PARENTS
WERE
KILLED
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
HIS EYES



SO REALLY,
WE CAN'T LET
ANYONE WITH
HAIR AND EYES
ANY COLOR
FIND YOU







But—



I'M SORRY
I SHOULD
HAVE CHECKED
THAT BEFORE
WE BURNED
HER.



—MAYBE
YOUR
MOTHER
WORE ONE,
TOO.



SHANEY
MOM!

I'M OFF
SOON!



EVEN
SO, THERE'S
NOT REALLY
THAT MUCH
POWER IN
THIS.





WHO IS
THAT?

clutch





MOVE
ASCHI!

I WON'T
GO EASY
ON YOU IF
YOU PROTECT
HIM!



WHY
ARE YOU
DOING?

EVERYONE'S
THE SAME!



His
PARENTS
WERE ALSO
MURDERED

THOSE
PEOPLE
KILLED YOUR
MOM,
BUNNABY!





IT JUST
KEEPS
REPEATING
ITSELF.

QUESTIONS
LIKE THAT
DON'T BATTER
JAPANESE...

WHO WAS
RIGHT,
WHO WAS
WRONG?



—MAYBE
THERE
REALLY IS
NOTHING WE
CAN DO.

MAYBE...



WE CAN'T
BREAK OUT
OF THIS
CYCLE.



WE DON'T
HAVE THAT
KIND OF
POWER.



...BEING
ALONE IS
THIS HARD
ENOUGH.



WANTING
YOU
SOUND —



I'LL
TAKE HER
ACROSS
PARISH
LINES.

THE HIR.



OR HIS OWN
PEOPLE FIRST.

BUT I'LL
JUST BE UP
TO LEAD
WHATEVER
HE GETS
CROTTED BY
OUR GUYS...



WHAT
ARE YOU
WORRY?





...NOW,
GET
POING.



THERE HADN'T
ALREADY POWER
TO IT, BUT IT'D
BEETTER THAN
NOTHING.



DASH



THE
CONFLICT
PLAYED
UP AGAIN.

A
SHORT
TIME
LATER...

AND THOSE
OF US WHO
WERE UNDER
THE 'POINTE'
CARE WERE
SCATTERED.

THERE
WAS A LETTER
FOR YOU
AMONGST THE
THINGS.



I DID WELL
ON A "TEST"
I HAPPENED
TO TAKE, AND
WENT ON TO
A RESEARCH
INSTITUTE.

AND
THEN
HE—



IT LOOKS
LIKE HE
WRAPPED
IT AROUND
WITHOUT
EVER SEEING
IT.

—IT'S
VERY
OLD...



SHAK



IT'S
BLANK





OH.

—C HEE.

THERE
WAS AN
ACCOUNT
WHILE HE WAS
PLAYING
LAWYER.



HE WAS ON
SCHEDULED
DUTY IN
EMERGENCY
ROOM.



WHAT
WAS HE
DOING...



I
UNDERSTAND
PRECISELY.

THERE IS
NO ONE
WITH THE
POWER TO
END THIS
CYCLE.



THERE IS
NO GOD,
NOT FOR
ANYONE.







POOR, POOR-
THINGS
GETTING
ME...

HAH?



LET'S
HURRY,
DOCTOR.

WE'LL
MEET MY
EMPLOYER
OUT THERE.

ON THE WAY
WE'LL HAVE TO
GET THROUGH
CHECKPOINTS
SET UP IN THE
DESERT.



POOR,
YOU'RE TOO
INCOMPETENT
TO BE AN
INSTITUTIONAL
AGENT.

I CAN'T
REALLY
SEE YOU AS
AN ARMY
EMPLOYEE.



INCORRE-
CT, YOU
SAY...



AND YOU'RE
DEFINITELY NO
MASTER SPY.



WOULD YOU BE
ABLE TO CARRY
ME ON YOUR
SHOULDERS IF I
COLLAPSE?



I
UNDERSTAND
YOUR WORRY,
BOSS,

BUT I'M NOT
AS HEALTHY AS
THE AVERAGE
JOCK. THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN WALK
ACROSS A
DESERT.



...I ALWAYS
WANTED TO TRY
RIDING ONE OF
THESE GUYS



—BUT
I'M STILL
CARRYING
THIS THING

ON A SITUATION
LIKE THIS, WITH
TWO PEOPLE ON
THE RUN, IT'S
BETTER TO KEEP
OUR FIREBIRD
LIGHT. RIGHT,
SONNY?

SPENT
IT ALL.

YOU
WOULDN'T
JLL
TAKE.



IT
WALKS...

Quinn

Long

PLUS,
THE...

THIS ISN'T
THE KIND OF
SPENDING
SOMEONE CAN
AFFORD TO.

CRUNCH

UHH...

THE FIRST
CHECKPOINT
ON THIS SIDE
SHOULD BE
COMING UP.

YOU COULD
COME UP HERE
WITH ME AND
CHECK IT OUT
YOURSELF,
ROSE.

NO,
THAT'S
ABOUT



---DOCTOR!



ARE WE HEARD STRAIGHT THERE?

I JUST GOT TO RIDE ONE. LET'S TAKE A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE



WE CAN'T JUST RANDED AROUND OUT HERE!



I WISH YOU'D TAKE TWO SERIOUSLY FOR ONCE, DOCTOR---



WAGH?



ROUE



I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.



NOTHING
FOR IT, I
GUESS.

LET'S
REST
HERE FOR
A LITTLE
BIT...

DUCK!

!?

BA-
BA-
BANG





IT HIT

NICE

BOOM

Shin



YOU AND
TWO CAMELS
DIDN'T
GET HIT,
RIGHT?



POCKYDORY

THUMP

HE



CAN I
ASK YOU TO
STERILIZE THE
WOUND AND STOP
THE BLEEDING?
PLEASE, ROSE.



I'M ALRIGHT.
THE BULLET
WENT STRAIGHT
THROUGH.



THEY
WERE
LOOKING
AT ME.



—WERE
THEY OUT
TO RUN
US?

OR WERE
THEY TOO
FAR OUT TO
SEE IT WAS
YOU?

pay





I CAN'T TELL
FROM LOOKING
AT YOU WHERE
YOU'RE FROM.
MAYBE A
MYSTERY I
CAN'T SOLVE

EVEN NOW
YOU ACT IS A
CONTRADICTION.
IT'S INTEREST-
ING.

BUT I'M
INCOMPETENT
AS A SPY,
HUN.



I AM
INTERESTED
IN YOU.



elias



DESERT
NIGHTS GET
COOL.

COME
ON OVER
MIRAL,
MIRAL.



I LOSE
A LOT OF
BLOOD NOT
TOO LONG
AGO.



DOCTOR,
YOU'RE
FREAKING!



IF YOU
FEEL BADLY
ABOUT IT,
WHY DON'T
YOU WARM
ME UP A
LITTLE?



—OH—

—OH—



—OH—
—OH—
—OH—



THE WAR
ENDED AND
THERE WAS NO
ONE TO TAKE
CARE OF ME...
THE WORLD WAS
A DANGEROUS PLACE
TO LIVE IN.

SO I
FOUNDED
WORK.

I DID AS I
WAS TOLD: SHOT
AND STOLE AND
STABBED, AND
THAT'S HOW I
FEED MYSELF.



...I'M ONLY
INCOMPETENT AT IT
BECAUSE
NO ONE
TAUGHT ME
ANYTHING.

—GUT.

WE'RE
EXPANDABLE,
SO WE DON'T
NEED ANY
SPECIAL
TRAINING.

THE NUMBER
OF ORPHANS
LOOKING FOR
"WORK" ALSO
GREW.

THROUGH THE
GREAT WAR, THE
INTENSITY OF THE
DISPUTES GREW,
VIOLENCE STROKE
OUT AGAIN, AND
THE "WORK"
INCREASED.

—GUT.



WE DON'T KNOW
THE REASONS WE
CARRY OR WHO
WE SHOOT AT.



BUT I DON'T
THINK I'LL BE
FORGIVEN JUST
BECAUSE I
DIDN'T KNOW



YOU
WANT TO BE
FORGIVEN?

BY
FACED?



... BUT
GOOD



THANK
YOU FOR
COMING,
DOCTOR
BAMBT.

YOUR
EMPLOYMENT?

WE'RE
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
CONTRIBUTION.

Flash

LISTEN UP,
ROSE

TAKE THIS
TO HEART!

THERE IS
NO GOD
IN THIS
WORLD.



WHO WAS
IT WHO
TOLD ME
ABOUT
PARADISE?



MY
WHOLE
LIFE...

WHEN
DID I
HEAR
ABOUT
IT?



WE'D
ALREADY PROMISED
BELOW WITH
JUST OUR OWN
CLOUTING
...and that...

WE CAN'T
TAKE THAT
ANY LONGER
WITH US.



MY
WHOLE
LIFE...

EVER JUST
BELIEVED
IN IT.



HE LOOKS
JUST LIKE A
PAGAN CHILD,
SOMEBODY
HE.

THE
COLOR
OF THOSE
EYES AND
THAT
HAIR



Crunch

Crunch

— WERE
YOU CHASED
OUT OF
YOUR TOWN
BY THE
WIND?

BUT EVEN
IF YOU COME
THIS FAR,
THERE'S NO
GRASS OR
TREES OR
WATER.





YOU WERE
PULLED IN
THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION
FROM THE
WATER HOLE.

COME
WITH ME.



...ALL THE
WAY WEST.

WHERE
DO YOU
INTEND
TO GO?

WITHOUT HANDS,
WITHOUT SHOULDERS,
WITHOUT KIDS,

THEY
SAID THE
BEAUTIFUL
EARTH IS
PEACEFUL.

PARADISE
WAS ALWAYS
BEEN IN THAT
DIRECTION.

THE
WESTERN
FRONTIER
TOWN IS
MORE —

THAT'S
WHY I'M
GRACIOUS
FOR IT.

THAT...

IS NOT
SOMEWHERE
THAT LIVING
PEOPLE CAN
REACH...

DO
YOU
KNOW
IT?

COULD
YOU TAKE
ME
THERE?



IT'S STILL
TOO SOON
FOR YOU.

YOU SHOULD
TRY LIVING JUST
A LITTLE LONGER
BEFORE YOU GO
SEARCHING FOR
THE PARADISE AT
THE END OF THE
WORLD.



WHEN
ALL YOUR
HOPES
FADE AND
YOU LOSE
EVERY-
THING,

EVEN
THEN, IT
WILL
STILL BE
THERE.

ANYWAY,
SOMEDAY, THE
SUN WILL SHINE
DOWN ON A BOY
WHO'S FOUND
HAPPINESS.

I HAVE TO
STAY ON
THIS EARTH
A LITTLE
LONGER, TOO.

HIS
CHILLY
HAND
HELD NO
WEALTH.

ALL
CHILDREN'S
HANDS
ARE ALWAYS
WARM.

THEIR HAND
PLANT IN
THE SOIL
OF THE
FUTURE
TO THE FAR
WEST.

AND EVEN
IF THAT
WINTER, IT
WILL STILL
BE THERE.

PLEASE TEACH ME...

MY GOD,





WHAT DO YOU
KNOW OF YOUR
HOMELAND
AFTER SO MANY
YEARS, VICTORY?



EACH THEN,
CONFINED TO THE
LABORATORY AS I
WAS, I DIDN'T
REALLY HAVE THE
CHANCE TO APPRE
THE SCENERY.

BUT I DO
REMEMBER
YOUR
FACE.

BUT THEN, IT IS
JUST A SHADOW
OF ITS FORMER
GLORY, THANKS TO
YOUR RETRAVAL.



I EXPECTED
NOTHING LESS,
DIRECTOR
GENERAL.

...YOU
ALWAYS
DO HAVE
TO SAY
THE LAST
WORD IN



FOR ME TO
BE ABLE TO
MEET THEM
LIKE THIS.

YOU MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE FIRST TO
FLY THE CITY,
BACK THEN.



YOU GO ON
LIVING LIFE TO
THE FULLEST
IN ALL YOUR
STUPIDITY.

YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
HADN'T
CHANGED.

BACK THEN,
WHEN WE
STUCK WITH
"MISSION", I
FOLLOWED
NEARLY ALL
OF YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS.

HOWEVER,
AT MY OWN
DISCRETION, I
JOINED THE
ONE BELONG
TO THE LEFT.



!



"THE LORD DID
THESE THINGS:
THE LANGUAGES, AND
FROM THENCE DO
HE SCATTER THE
PEOPLE AROUND
UPON THE FACE OF
ALL THE EARTH."

THAT POWER...
IT WAS NOT GOOD.
IT WAS AN AWFUL
THING TOO GREAT
FOR MAN TO
HANDLE.



THEY WERE
YOUR
FOLLOW
ORDERS.

WELL,
I'VE BEEN
LIVING
LIFE TO
THE
FULLEST,
AS WELL.

UNLESS
YOU THINK YOU
CAN BRING
ARIEL, AND
THE BRIDE,
YOU CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
TO ME.

AND
PET...

YOU'RE
SERIOUSLY
WRONGING, YOU
KNOW THAT? I
WAS THE ONE
WHO MADE YOU
CREATE IT.





NEEDS THE
DOCTOR
CALLED FOR
YOU



COME
OUT

CLICK



I'VE BEEN
TREATED. THEY
WERE SO POLITE
ABOUT IT THAT IT
WAS ACTUALLY
ENJOYING.

ARE YOUR
KIDNAPERS
GONE ALREADY?



YES?

DOCTOR.

IF YOU HAD
KNOWN I CAME
FROM HERE,
YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE COME,
WOULD?



I LOOK MORE
LIKE THE OPPOSI-
TION THAN THE
BLOOD CLASS IN
THIS COUNTRY.

THAT'S
PROBABLY
WHY I WAS
CHOSEN
AS THE
MESSENGER.

WITH
MY HAIR
AND EYE
COLOR.



HE SAID THAT
THE BLOOD-
LINES ANKLED,
TAKEN AND, LIKE
SOME OLD
JOKE, THAT
BLOOD CAME
OUT STRONGLY
IN ME...

THAT DURING
OUR LONG
HISTORY WITH
THE ENEMY,
THERE HAVE BEEN
TIMES WHEN THE
RELATIONSHIP
LEANT TOWARD
FRIENDSHIP.

MY
EMPLOYER
SAID...

BUT YOU
DON'T SEEM
LIKE A
BLOOD-
BLOOD.





TURNED
OUT TO BE
RED LUCK,
ONCE,
BUT...

This...



...THIS
TIME, IF MY
WISH IS
GRANTED,

I'LL BEHOLD
FOR ALL MY
SINS AND START
PRAYING EVERY
MORNING BEFORE I
GO TO BED.









—OR
THE
ONE...

WHO
DELIVERED
IT.

THE SOUL
AT THE
BIO-CHEMICAL
DEVELOPMENT
TEAM CREATED
IT. IT WAS
ABSOLUTELY
NO USE IN OUR
STRATEGY...

HOW DO
WE USE
TAUTY?

WITH THESE
LOOKS, THEY
SAID IT WOULD
BE EASY TO
DRESS INTO
LOOKS THEY
CONTROL.

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT IT
WAS...

I'M THE
ONE WHO
SET IT
LOOSE.





I DON'T
ACTUALLY
PROHIBIT IT
COMPLETELY.



THIS
SITUATION.

BECAUSE
THAT A LOT
OF PEOPLE
HERE, INCLUDING
UNARMED PEOPLE, WILL
BE KILLED.



DOCTOR.

—THE FIRE
WILL ENOUGH
A FULLY
LARGE AREA.



YOU
KNOW.

SAVED
IT'S ALL
SOMEONE'S
DUTY TO
FORCE ANY
HAND.



FOR IT
TO BE
DESTROYED
NOW.

I'VE NOT
DONE THIS
OUT OF ANY
SENSE OF
OBLIGATION.

IT'S BETTER
JUST WATCH
AS EVENTS
PLAY OUT.

IF THE
ENGLAND FIFTY
DEBATES ARE TO
CONTINUE WITH THE
SAME MISTAKES
REPEATED.

THEN IT'S
BETTER.

...REPEATED.

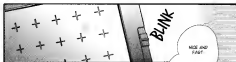
ALL MY
DEVELOPING
SIDE.













IT WAS LEFT
OPERATIONAL,
SO THAT
ANYONE WHO
KNOWS THE
PASSWORD CAN
USE IT.



YES,
THAT'S
TRUE.



—HOWEVER,
IT'S NOT BART I
HAD FORGOTTEN
THE EXISTENCE
OF THIS SUB-
COMPUTER.



THANKS
TO THAT,
"MISGALT" IS
READY TO BE
USED AT ANY
TIME.



BUT NOW
THAT IT'S COME
TO THIS, I'M
GLAD YOU
FORGOT ABOUT
THIS FACILITY.

THE
SYSTEM IS
FUNCTIONAL,
AS WELL.



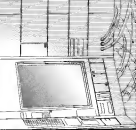
IT
WAS A
TEST.



OH,
THEY'RE
OUT.



OH,
MYST?



I HAVE
"WISDOM"



WAM, SALUS HOMINIS.

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beep



SEND THE DATA
HERE,
DIRECTOR
GENERAL...

OPERATING
IT FROM THE
SUB-SYSTEM
IS FULLY
DIFFICULT.

SHINE



Flash

FIRE—!

NOW, STEP
AWAY FROM
THERE



CLICK

YOU DO
WELL,
DOCTOR.



YOU
SHOULD'NT
FIRE THAT.



WE'RE
SURVEILLANCE
BY POLICE
MACHINERY.



I SAW THE
PHYSICIAN'S
REPORT — SEEING
YOU DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME LEFT
IN THIS WORLD,
STUBB.

YOU'RE
PLANNING
TO RUN FIRE
DOWN JUMP
MY HEAD
AGAIN.

I CAN'T
HAVE YOU
ACTING ON
YOUR OWN
AGAIN.

I
KNOW
THAT...

ONCE YOU
SAW THE FILE,
YOU'D WANT TO
BE ABLE TO USE
IT YOURSELF.



AND NOT
JUST YOU,
BUT SURELY
OTHERS
WOULD AS
WELL.

SHINE

HI

I KNOW
THAT.

SO...

ON THE
EVENT THAT A
CARROLLTON
PASSWORD IS
INPUT INTO THE
MACHINE AT A
FIXED TIME
AFTER ITS
STARTUP,

IT WOULD
AUTOMATICALLY
BEGIN THE NEXT
PROGRAM.

Beep

Beep

THE EYE OF
REDSHAW WILL
PERFORM-
SURELY STARE
ANY TOWN IT
RECOGNIZES

—THE
TWO—

Beep

slide

WHAT IS
THAT?

BEEP

CRACK

CRACK
CRACK

JERRY!

—BARRY!

IT'S
PASSED!

BEEP

BEEP

Slomp

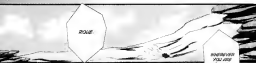
BEEP

—OF COURSE,



THAT
WOULD
COME TO
PASS.

IF
ANOTHER
PROGRAM
INTERFERED
BEFORE
THAT TIME.



ROSE.

WONDERING
YOU WERE
DEAD NOW.



YOUR
VOICE...
DOCTOR, DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?

— THERE'S
A COMPUTER
TERMINAL
INSIDE.

OPEN
THE
CASE.



CAN YOU
STOP THE
CAR FOR A
MINUTE?

WHAT?
DOCTOR?



NO LIVING
PERSON CAN
SEE THE
FUCKING REAL
LIES TO THE
EYES WEST, AT
THE END OF
THE EARTH.

THAT'S
WHAT I
GAVE THEM.

"PLEASE,
SAVE ME
FROM THIS
PAIN."

—GOD,
AND
GODDAMN
AM.

BUT THEN
I CAME
ACROSS
YOU...

—AND I KNEW
THAT WHAT I
REALLY WANTED
WAS THE
SILENCE AFTER
THE END, BUT
SOME HAPPINESS
ON THIS EARTH.

I LIVED
ON THE
WESTERN
FRONTIER.

AND SEE A
REFLECTION
OF PARADISE
SUSPENDED
THERE.

AND
DREAMED
OF THE DAY
I'D LOOK FAR
INTO THE
HORIZON.





HURRY
AND GO
BACK!



Beep

PLEASE
EVACUATE.



THE
FINAL
PASSWORD

I SUPPOSE
IT'S A GOOD
THING I USED
SOMETHING
SIMPLE.

13
MINUTES
UNTIL
DETONA-
TION.

Beep

"DOLLE"...

"DOO",

"DOLLE",
"DOLLE",

"THE FAR
WEST",

100



EVEN THOUGH
IT'S MEANT AS
GOOD LUCK
WHEN WE PART
WAYS...

I WONDER
HOW THAT
ALWAYS FINDS
ITS WAY BACK
TO ME?



YOU BRING
HERE DON'T
SEEM TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

—THAT'S
OKAY.



TO ME,
YOU WERE
GOD.

DOCTOR.



YOU
SAVED
ME

THAT
NIGHT FELT
LIKE A
DREAM.

YOU TOOK
MY HAND
AND LED ME
ALL THE WAY
TO THE
WATER HOLE.



DOOP



I THOUGHT
MAYBE IT
REALLY WAS
BEN A
DREAM.

DOOP



IT WAS
YOU WHO
SAVED ME



—



YOU
RECOGNIZED
ME RIGHT
FROM THE
BEGINNING.
DOCTOR, YOU
KNEW ALL
ALONG.



—LET'S GO
TOGETHER.

GET OUT
OF HERE,
DUE.

PLEASE
EXPLODE.

10
MINUTES
UNTIL
DETONA-
TION



LET'S GO
SEARCH FOR THE
PARADISE AT THE
WESTERN END
OF THE EARTH.

THE
TWO OF US.

TIME
IS
HARD



I WANTED
YOU TO BE
HAPPY.

THEN
AND NOW.



NOT
ONE OF MY
PEOPLE
CAME THIS



THAT'S
NOT TELL-
DOCTOR



DON'T
WORRY,
THIS TIME,
WE WILL
FIND IT.





...IN THE
MOONLIGHT...

THE
MOON
SHINED
WHITE...

IT'S AS
BEAUTIFUL
AS A DREAM,
ISN'T IT?
THAT'S
RIGHT?



HEAVEN...





JUST
LOOK
THIS

HEY...

IF WE
WALK A LITTLE
FARTHER,
MAYBE WE'LL BE
ABLE TO SEE
THE PARADISE
AT THE END OF
THE EARTH.



IF WE
WALK A
LITTLE
FARTHER—



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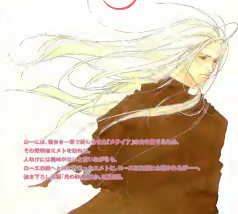
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ローエは、暗黒を一手で統べる「メタ・メタ」の力を得るため、
その発明者エトを助ける。
人助けには興味がなければ、闇の力が怖い。
ローエの前へ、上層に居るエトに、ローエは助けを求めたが、
彼を下ろし、彼は「月の砂漠」へ、旅立つ。

月の砂漠



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I'M NOT FIT
TO BE A DETECTIVE



I WANTED
A JOB
THAT DIDN'T
NEED ME TO TALK
TO OTHER
PEOPLE.

THAT'S
WHY...

WHATEVER
I DID FOR
OTHERS
ENDED UP
BACKFIRING.

I WAS A
CLUMSY AND
PATHETIC
LITTLE KID.

I UNDERSTAND.

I NEVER
KNEW YOU
QUITTED ME
THAT HIGH.

IT'S FINE.

PLEASE
LEAVE.

THAT'S
NOT FAIR.

WE'RE IN
TROUBLE,
TOO.

THE
DETECTIVES
ARE...

WE DON'T
KNOW
WHEREABOUTS
OR WHEN THEY'LL
COME BACK.

1/16. Ironically upon "Black Mountain" and "You" is a
homage to a poet. The two names instead are a homonym
for "black post", which is short for post office.



DO IT?

THE DETECTIVE
THAT RUN AWAY
IS KURORA. HE
COMBINED OUR
NAMES AND GOT
KURORASHI.

YOU'RE A
DETECTIVE
FOR THE
OFFICE,
RIGHT?

MR.
BLACK
SOFT.

BY NAME'S
NAME. I TAKE
CARE OF
THE OFFICE
WORK.



HE'S NOT
THE ONLY
ONE.

THE SAFETY
BOX IS
MIXING ALONG
WITH HER.

YOU TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ALL OF
THIS!

ENOUGH
WITH YOUR
NONSENSE!

SLAM

HU HI!?

I'VE
ALREADY
PAID HALF
THE FEE

AND THE
DEADLINE
IS CLOSING
IN!



I have a bad feeling...

IT
SEEMS
LIKE...



BUT HIS PERSONAL
LIFE
DON'T SEEM TO
GO THAT
WELL.

WAS A
GREAT
BUSINESS-
MAN WHO
AMASSED
GREAT
FORTUNE
IN HIS
LIFE.

HE WAS
SUCH A
COLD-
BLOODED
MAN.

THE
OWNER OF THIS
MANSION

FLIP

LET'S
SEE...

HOW MUCH
DO I NEED
GET DONE?

I ALWAYS
WIND UP ON
THE BAD SIDE
OF THE
BARREL.

AND, FINE
I'LL JUST
GO TO PROVE
I DID SOME
WORK.

BYE





NEITHER.

WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?

GAH!

...I'M FROM
THE ALABAMA
DETECTIVE
AGENCY.

WELL, I CAN'T
SAY THAT
NOW.



ACCORDING
TO THE
CLIENT,
WHO IS THE
OLD MAN'S
NEECE, THE
CURRENT
RESIDENT...

WAS KILLED
IN BY THE POLICE
FOR SCREAMING
ACCIDENTLY IN
FRONT OF HER
ROOM.

OR TELLING
ME YOUR
NAME SO
YOU CAN
BE INVITED
HOME...

DECIDED
THE OLD MAN
WAS THINKING
THAT WAS THE
BEST SOLUTION
TO TAKE HIS
PRESTIGE.

OR SO
IT WENT.



WELL,
I CAN'T
SAY THAT
NOW.

I SHOULD'VE
TOLD HER I'M
CHECKING
THE GAS OR
SOMETHING.

WELL,

WELL,

STAGE

BLACK
BOAT.



HUH?

DETECTIVE
BLACK BOAT,
DO YOU
LIKE PLAYING
BO OR BACOT?

click
click





IT'S NOT
FINE BY ME

IT'S FINE IF
YOU NEED TO
BE ROUGH



SOER, EVEN
MY NEIGH-BORE'S
DOGS WOULD
PUNT BACK
IF I DROPPED
ITS TAIL.

YOU HAVE
UNTIL THE
END OF
THE DAY



WHAT KIND
OF WORK
WERE YOU
DOING,
KAZUO...?!

SLAP

AND
THE BRIST
TO BRUSH A
FEW OF THAT
LITTLE ONE'S
BONNET!

STOP
PLAYING
EXCUSED
THE DEFEC-
TIVE THAT
POOK MY
CARDS...



YOU NEED
TO HAVE
THIS ALL
CLEARED UP
BY TODAY,

GOT IT?



STEP

NO,
I DON'T.



SO I COULD
WAKE UP
TOMORROW
WITHOUT ANY
ANNOYANCE
OF THIS.



I WISH I
COULD GET
INTO SOME
SERIOUS ACCIDENT
RIGHT NOW.



THOUGH
REPLACING
AIDS
SHOULD'NT
BE PART
OF THE
JOB...

I HAVE NO
KNOWLEDGE
ON EXPENSES.

BESIDES,
I'M A
NOVICE
AT THIS.



SHOVE!

HMM??

CRASH!





IT'S HARDLY
NORMAL FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS...

TO FALL
FROM
ABOUT THE
ENTRANCE.

YOU'LL END
UP WITH
MORE THAN
A LUMP ON
YOUR HEAD.

BE
CAREFUL.



BUT NEVER
A DAY WHEN
IT DIDN'T SEEM
DANGEROUS
AND HOT.

AFTER
GRANDPA DIED,
THINGS HAVE
BEEN MORE
SUNNY DAYS...



THEY'RE
RELATIVES OF
GRANDPA.

POTS,
APRON,
BLACKMAIL.

WHAT
THEY WANT



A
POLYMERIZATION

WITH
PETROLEUM



RIGHT

OK, MOM

I SEE, IT'S BEING
BROKEN
TODAY

BEFORE
THE WALL IS
COMPLETELY
BROKEN

IS FOR
ME TO
GET OUT
OF THE
HOUSE,



MOM FUND,
YOU AREN'T
PLANNING TO
LEAVE THIS
MANSION?

I'M
FUND



I'LL HAND
OVER IT
WITH ALL MY
STRENGTH

IF CHANGING
WANTED TO
GIVE THIS
TO ME, I'LL
TAKE IT
GRATEFULLY

CHANGING IS
SCARY

NO

CRACK

CRASH

Surprised &
the others. Can
they believe it?

MY
NAME'S
YAGI.

DETECTIVE
BLACK DON'T
YOU TAKE THE
BLACK PRICES

MY NAME

DO YOU
LEARN THE
NAME FROM
HANDING OUT
WITH YOUR
SHARD-
FALLS?

YOU
HAVE SUCH
INTERESTING
GATS

BLACK

RUB
RUB

I MET HIM
BECAUSE
OF SO.

NO,

OH, THIS
IS ONE
OF THOSE
EXPENSIVE
BOWTIE
WITH LEGS.

NICE.

THAT'S WHY
I'D OFTEN RUN
OFF TO THE
NEAREST SO
CONCERT.

WHENEVER
HE GOT
DRUNK, MY
MOM AND
I STARTED
LOOKING LIKE
SINDBOGS

MY FATHER,
WAS LIKE
A PARASITE
LIVING OFF
OF MY MOM.
I GUESS...

AND IT ALMOST
SEEMED LIKE
HE RESPONDED
TO ASSOCIATE
WITH PEOPLE.

HE KEPT HIS
TALKING TO A
MINIMUM.

SOMEDAY
SOMETHING
CAME

HE WAS
AN OLD MAN
WITH A
STERN FACE

SO EVERYONE,
INCLUDING ME,
TENDED TO
IGNORE HIM

CHINESE

YOU'D LOOK
IMPOSSIBLE
FROM CHINA

YOU
RESEMBLED
JAPANESE

BOOM

IF

SLAM

PLAT



I DIDN'T
THINK HE'D
ASK ME FOR
A MATCH.

...BUT NEAR
THE END OF
THE GAME, HE
TOOK LONGER
TO THINK ABOUT
HIS MOVES.

OO



IT'S
YOUR
TURN.

click

...I THOUGHT
IT'D BECOME
SOMEHOW
TO RUN
HIS MOVE.

HE JUST
SAT THERE
WITH A
GRUMPY
FACE.

AFTER A
BIT, I WAITED
AND WAITED
BUT HE DIDN'T
MAKE A MOVE.

LET'S...

IT'S
YOUR TURN.

click

WELL,
I DON'T
WANT
YOU
TO
FORGET
YOUR
TURN.

LEAVE IT
AT THAT.
IT'S MY
TURN!

THAT DAY
MY FATHER
HAD FOLLOWED
ME TO THE
CENTER.

BUT
GAMING'S
STERN FACE
SCARED HIM
OFF, AND HE
COULDN'T HAVE
A MOVE.

STANDS

...IT'S
YOUR
TURN.

ARE YOU
POORING
AROUND
WITH ME?
YOU...

AND CONTINUED
TO PLAY UNTIL
MY FATHER GAVE
UP AND LEFT.

ALWAYS
POORING
AROUND ME
AND NOW I
WAS ALWAYS
COVERED IN
DROPPINGS.

HE
DISAPPEARED
WITHOUT ME
GAINING A
MOVE.

ORIGINAL WAS
HORRIBLE AT
SAYING THINGS
STRAIGHT OUT

THEN HE
WOULDN'T
JUST SEEMED
LIKE AN
AWKWARD
OLD MAN

THAT'S SO
ROUNDABOUT.
I REMIN
IF YOU HADN'T
REALIZED HIS
INTENTIONS

GOOD INTENTIONS
ONLY SERVE THEIR
PURPOSE WHEN
THE PERSON
THEY'RE DIRECTED
AT KNOWS

WOULDN'T
YOU FEEL SAD
IF YOUR GOOD
INTENTIONS WERE
MISUNDER-
STOOD?

IT'S BECAUSE
WE'RE SO
CLUMSY THAT WE
EVENTUALLY GO
ON GUARD...

AND STOP
ACTING IN A
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
WAY

CLIX



THERE'S
SOMETHING
THAT CAN'T BE
BOUGHT WITH
MONEY, AND
THAT'S WHY
I'M HERE.

BUT
BEATING
DELT UP IS
FUNNIE.

THE
MONEY

I KNOW
THAT MONEY'S
IMPORTANT IN
THIS WORLD.



LET'S
HAVE A
WHITE
FLAG AND
LEAVE!



IS WHAT
YOUR
CLIENT
TOLD YOU,
BENNY?

"THROW A
FEW OF HER
BONES..."

CRACK

EXP

CRACK

SHOULD I
START OFF
BY BEATING
UP AIL,
BENNY?



YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
FUNNY GOOD
AT IT.



...IT WAS
FUN PLAYING
WITH YOU.



I-I'M A
RECKLESS

SHE'S
BEEN
THROUGH
BET.

I SEE,
THAT'S
WONDER-
FUL.

IT'S OVER.
SO BE
CAREFUL.

BYE

I KNOW
I'M A
NOVICE...

UGH

SWIRL

EVEN THOUGH
IT MIGHT BE
COOL TO SAVE
A GIRL, THERE'S
NO PROFIT, NOT
TO MENTION IT'S
DANGEROUS.

BUT...

AND IT'S
A CRIME
TO BREAK
ANYONE'S
BONES.

BUT I'LL
HAVE TO GIVE
BACK ALL THE
CLIENT'S MONEY,
RIGHT?

SHOULD
YOU, MR.
GODDIT?

IT WOULD
LOOK BAD IF
I RAN AWAY
WITHOUT MORE,
THOUGH.



But?

I'M SO
CLUMSY AND
FOOLISH.

"OPEN UP,
PLEASE."

WHENEVER
I TRY TO
BE GOOD,
IT
BACKFIRE.

"I NEED TO
LEAVE NOW."

"NO,
PLEASE."

I WANTED
TO HOLD
ONTO HIM.



AT THAT
TIME, MY
PARENTS WERE
SEPARATED.

MY MOTHER
WOULD COME
VISIT ME.



"OPEN UP
PLEASE."

"LET'S SAY
GOODBYE ONE
LAST TIME."



"YOU WERE ME
SO MUCH..."

"I
UNDERSTAND"

I WAS GOING
TO KEEP HER
THESE UNTIL
MY FATHER
CAME BACK.

IF THEY
SAW EACH
OTHER I
KNEW
THEY'D
MAKE UP.

FOR NOW I WANT TO
SEE MY FACE"

"I NEVER KNEW
YOU WANTED ME
SO MUCH"

"I
UNDERSTAND"

HURT MY
MOTHER.

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO...

"...IT'S
FINE"

I JUST
WANTED
HER TO BE
WITH ME.

AFTER THAT...

SHE NEVER
CAME TO VISIT.

...MIL
DIED...

DETECTIVE
JOHN



I WAS
FORCED TO
CHOOSE
THEM.

THERE WAS
TALK ABOUT
FINDING SOME
PEOPLE AT MY
OLD JOB.

I JUST
COULDN'T
DO IT. I QUIT
FIRST.



I'M NOT A
DETECTIVE.



ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

AND WHEN
TAKASHI TO
TRIED TO TALK
FROM IT, IN THE
END EVERYONE
SATED ME.

BUT MY
COMPANY LATER
DECIDED TO
CUT MY WHOLE
DIVISION. .

WE SHARED
THE EXPENSES.
WE DID THE
DETECTIVE WORK
AND I PASSED
OUT PLAYERS.

I COULDN'T
REFUSE HIM
BECAUSE OF
THAT. AND I
WANTED TO HELP
HIM OUT IN ANY
WAY I COULD.

SO WHEN MY
CO-WORKER
KURORI INVITED
ME TO JOIN A
DETECTIVE
AGENCY . .



THE MONEY
CORRELATED
WITH KURORI.

AND
JUST WHEN
EVERYTHING
SEEMED TO
BE GOING
SMOOTHLY,



I'M RIGHT
IN THE
MIDDLE.

AND THAT'S
HOW I END UP
ON THE RED
SIDE OF THE
BARRICADE.

BUT I'M NOT
NICE ENOUGH
TO SMILE
THROUGH
DECEPTION.

I'M NOT
SELFISH
ENOUGH TO
IGNORE WHEN
OTHER PEOPLE
ARE IN TROU-
BLE...

I'M
ENTRAILED...

...BUT,
NO
DOUBT.

HE COULDN'T
VISIT THE
HOSPITAL.

BECAUSE HE
NEEDED THE
MONEY TO
TREAT HIS SON
WITH THE BEST
DOCTORS
AROUND.

HE WANTED
TO HELP
HIS SON.

BY YOUR
SAD FACE
AND WAY
WITH
WORDS.

REALLY?

YOU
REMINDE
ME OF
GRANDPA.



HE WAS
THE BEST
GRANDPA.

BUT TO
ME...



EVEN
AFTER
THAT...

HIS
INTENTIONS
BACKFIRED.

BUT HIS SON
AND WIFE DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT HE WAS
DOING.



TRYING TO
PROTECT ME?



...I
WANT...

WOMEN
YOU...



GRANDPA,
LET ME LIVE
HERE AFTER
MY MOTHER
PASSED AWAY.

WELL, I'D
BE HAPPY IF
HE THOUGHT
OF ME AS A
GRAND-
DAUGHTER.



I HEARD ABOUT
YOU TRYING
HIM TO BELIEVE
YOU WERE HIS
GRANDDAUGHTER.

THE WORLD
WASN'T
MY HOME.





THAT
WOULD
LACHA.

IF
THERE
WAS
SOMEONE

AND SAY
THAT WITH
A SMILE...

AND I
STILL FEEL
THAT PAIN.

EVERY DAY
WITH DRAGONA
WAS FUN.



I WANT TO
HOLD ON TO
ALL OF HIS
MEMORIES, FEELINGS AND
INTENTIONS...

AS A
TALKING
TO HIM.



I JUST
WANT TO
TELL HIM
THINGS.

EVEN ONE
PERSON—

EVEN
IF YOU'RE
NOT HIS
GRAND-
CHILD,

YOU
HAVE A
RIGHT
TO HIS
MERE-
TACE.





GOOD THING
IT WAS
ONLY ONE

KUROKAWA
DETECTIVE AGENCY

BEING
THE
PACIFIST
I AM...

VERY DON'T
YOU SEE
YOUR CLIENT,
TAKAHASHI?

NO, IT'S
NOT

THEY TOOK
OUT MY
CORRUPT
HAND.



INHERITANCE,
KOH.



OK.



HE MUST
BE FEELING
GOOD WITH
ALL THAT
INHERITANCE
COMING IN.
HE MUST
PLAY FOR IT.

HE'S
GRABBING
THESE OR
SOME-
THING.

OK.

OK.



I GOT
BEAT UP IN
A FLASH.

IT'S WHAT I
GOT FOR DOING
SOMETHING
TOTALLY OPPOSE-
TE WHAT MY
CLIENT ASKED
FOR.



AND
IRREDEEMABLY
NOT
DECEIVED
BY MARK
FURLO.



THEY WERE
ALL SO SCARED
TO SWITCH
ANY OF THE
INHERITANCE.

ALL THE
RELATIVES
WERE SHOCKED
WHEN THEY
HEARD IT.

WELL, I DID
PLAY SOME
TRICKS TO
MAKE IT OPEN
THAT WAY.



WHAT IS
LEFT TO
YOU...

WAS THE
BOARD AND
THE PLAYING
PIECES.



!!

WOULD BE
ABLE TO BUY
AN APARTMENT
IN THE MIDDLE
OF TOWN
WITH THIS.

AND
THE STONES
ARE POINTED
WITH THE BEST
JAPANESE
LACQUER!

THE BOARD
IS MADE OF
THE FINEST
QUALITY UNOAK
WOOD.

THE
GILL HELPS
SOMETHING

IT'S
BECAUSE I'VE
LIVED WITH
GRANDPA FOR
SO LONG.

WHAT?

...DON'T
TELL ME...

YOU'RE
PRETTY GOOD
AT FIGURING
THINGS LIKE
THAT OUT?

GRANDPA'S
INTENTIONS
ARE HARD TO
UNDERSTAND,

BUT
SOMETIMES
THAT'S A
GOOD THING.

THAT'S
WHAT I
WANTED
TO SAY.

NO,
THANK
YOU...

WHAT
I'M
SAYING...

IS THAT
I'LL HELP
YOU OUT

IT NEVER
WORKS
OUT AS
PLANNED.

WHATEVER I
DO SOMETHING
WITH GOOD
INTENTIONS...

I'M NOT
FIT TO BE A
DETECTIVE.



I'LL JUST
CLOSE
UP THE
AGENCY,

AS A
THANKS FOR
PROTECTING
ME

AND FIND A
JOB THAT
DOESN'T
REQUIRE
TALKING TO
PEOPLE.

THANK YOU
DETECTIVE.

BUT,

IF EVEN ONE
PERSON WOULD
SAY THAT TO ME...

I'LL THINK
IT OVER.

YOU'RE
WELCOME.

END



BOOKS NOTE: THIS PARTICULAR SHORT STORY
"I'M NOT FIT TO BE A DETECTIVE". JAPANESE
TITLE "BOKU WA TANTEI NI WA HUNANAI" WAS
SERIAL IN SHOGAKU. THERE IS ANOTHER SHORT
STORY FEATURING THE SAME CHARACTERS IN
KAMEI TAKAHIDE'S WORK "FUMETSU NO HAKU".
AFTER THE SHORT STORIES, KAMEI TAKAHIDE
PUBLISHED A VOLUME DEDICATED TO THE
CHARACTERS USING THE SAME TITLE.

Tsuki no Sakaba

The Lunar Desert





still, this is Kamei. Thank you
for reading this far

The next two chapters are very
old works of mine VERY old.
So they look very old (and
there are a lot of mistakes)
But I hope you guys still enjoy
them. I'll see you next time

2000.7
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Dream Dweller

AFTER
MY PARENTS'
DIVORCE, I WAS
LEFT IN THE
CARE OF MY
GRANDFATHER
ON MY MOTHER'S
SIDE OF THE
FAMILY.

BACK THEN
I WAS A
SHY, SHY,
ARROGANT
LITTLE BOAT...

AND WHEN I
LOOK BACK,
I STILL CAN'T
FIND ANY
CUTE THINGS
ABOUT ME.





WHAT
THE HELL,
YOU OLD
BASTARD!

I JUST
OVERSLEPT,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
SLAP ME!

SMACK!



HOW IN
THE WORLD
DID YOUR
PARENTS
RAISE YOU?

STOP USING
SUCH POLE
LANGUAGE!

YOUR
PARENTS?

HAPP



MY
GRANDFATHER
WAS A
FORMER NINJA
INSTRUCTOR.

UNDERSTOOD,
RIGHT?

NOW THAT
YOU'RE IN
MY HOUSE,
YOU'LL DO
THINGS MY WAY!



THAT'S
ALL

THAT'S
WHY...

HE'S ALL
UPRIGHT
AND STRICT.

YOUR DRY
STARTS AT
5 AM.

BEFORE
BREAKFAST,
YOU ARE TO
CLEAN THE HALL
AND TABLE, AND
Tidy THE LIVING

SHOED
TRAINING,
SO THAT IN
THE AFTER-
NOON AND
EVENING.

YOUR
CURfew IS
AT 5 PM.





WHAT ARE YOU?
AND YOU MY
GRANDFATHER'S
MINDSET? YOU WERE
WATCHING ME THIS
WHOLE TIME, AGENT?



NO.

I'M A SPIRIT
ATTACHED TO
THIS HOUSE







DAWN,
I CAN'T
TRICK HER
ANYMORE.

SO AGAIN
TO GO,
GOOD LUCK!

WHAT DO
YOU DO
THIS TIME?

HE FOUND
OUT I
TURNED IN
MY PATH
TEST—
BLANK



OH,
YOUR
FACE...



NO WAY,
IT'S TO
MAKE FUN
OF THE
OLD MAN

TAP

IS IT FUN
TO DO THAT
KIND OF
STUFF?



WAS THE
WORST DAY
EVER, HAVING
FUN MAKING
ME YUCK.

HE PUNISHES
ALL THE
CHILDREN
ONTO ME.

I'M DESTINED
TO WORK
UNDER HIM MY
ENTIRE LIFE.

POW!

OW!

THAT'S
PAINFUL-
PAIN!

GRAB

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN??

HEHEHE!
YOU'RE
SLACK AN
IDOT.

EVERY DAY
PASSES THE
SAME WAY...

drop

crack!

drop



drop

drop

IT'S FROM MOM!

CLANK

POP

IT'S FOR ME.

SWATCH

AHH

RIP

WHAT DID MOM SAY?

WHEN IS SHE PICKING ME UP?

RUSTLE



THAT WAS
NOTHING TO DO
WITH YOU

RIP RIP



YOU
OLD
MAN...

COME
HERE AND
FINISH YOUR
HOMESCHOOL
ALREADY



YOU OLD
MAN!

I HATE
YOU!!



IT'S SUNSET
ALREADY.
LET'S GO
STICK SOME.

SPLASH

...THE
LETTER.

IT WAS
THE FIRST
ONE FROM
WALTER,
BUT HE...

ARRIVES
IT



DAVIDSON TOLD ME ABOUT IT



FLAP



READ IT.
IT TOLD
ME A WHILE
TO PRESS IT
TOGETHER



...YOUR
GRANDFATHER
DON'T WANT
TO SHOW THAT
TO YOU.

YES, THAT'S
WHY SHE HAS
NO INTENTION
OF TELLING
YOU BACK.



SPLASH





HE
DEMAND-
PATHED

DIDN'T
SCOLD ME
OR HIT ME.



His
SHOULDERS
WERE
SOAKED WITH
RAIN, AND
LOOKED SO
SMALL.



IT FELT
AS BAD.



WHEN I
TURNED
FIFTEEN, I
ENTERED A
DORM...



AND I
GRADUALLY
BECAME
DISTANCED
FROM MY
GRAND-
FATHER.



I WAS
JUST A
KID.

I REALLY
DO.

HE WAS
A KIND
PERSON.

HE
PROTECTED
A KID AND
WAS HIT BY
THE CAR
BEFORE.

SOUNDS
LIKE
SOMETHING
HE WOULD
DO.

THAT'S
TRUE.

I
ALWAYS
LOVED
HARUKA.

LOVED
HARUKA.

I KNOW.

AND
AFTER
THAT...

I NEVER
SAW THAT
GUY EVER
AGAIN.

BUT I JUST
COULDN'T
BRING MYSELF
TO SAY THAT.

FOR THE
FIRST TIME,
I RAISED
MY VOICE
AND CRIED.



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YOU CAME
TO THIS HOUSE
TO BECOME
THE NEXT
HEIR OF THIS
HOUSE.

IT WAS
MY FIRST
ENCOUNTER
WITH THAT
MAN.



IF YOU WANT
TO BE TREATED
AS A SON, ACT
LIKE ONE.



HE HAD
A VERY
COLD
WAY OF
SPEAKING.

UNDERSTAND,
HEIRTY?

THAT WAS
WHEN MIKEI
HAD JUST
STARTED....

THAT'S
THE WORLD
HE CAME
TO ME.

A
DISTANCED
FATHER AND
A HOTTING
HOUSE.

Snowflakes



PLEASE
COME
THIS WAY
NOTED

YANG
NOTED



WHY
HAS HIS
DAUGHTER
FROM HIS
WIFE BEEN
PUSHED
ASIDE TO
A VILLAG

YES, A
YOUNG
GIRL

SHE'S TWO
YEARS OLDER
THAN YOU...

...IS
ANYBODY
LIVING
IN THIS
VILLAG





IT'S NO GOOD IF
YOU CAN'T
H, TOO

HERE



THE
YOUNG
LADY...

HAS A
CHRONIC
HEART
CONDITION

APPARENTLY
THOSE
ARE THE
CROWN
PRINCES.

RIGHT
AFTER
HE WENT
FUNERAL...

HE CAME
TO PICK
UP ME, A
BASTARD
CHILD.



!



CLATTER







HAH?



...WHAT DID
YOU SAY?

—I
CAN'T HEAR
ANYMORE

IT'S A SIDE
EFFECT OF THE
MEDICINE THEY
GAVE ME

—A SORRY

WELL,

BUT I CAN
READ LIPS

LOOK AT
ME AND TALK
SLOWLY



WHAT...

IS YOUR
NAME?



A WHITE
FLOWER...



FOYON.

YOU'RE MY
YOUNGER
BROTHER,
RIGHT...?

...YESH



THAT
BLOOMS
OVER THE
WATER AT
DAWN.

THAT
WAS...

THE WHITE
FLOWER'S
NAME...





THEN...

I WOULDN'T
HAVE TO GO
TO WAR.



I DON'T
WANT



...YOUR
FEVER WENT
DOWN.

YOU'LL
CATCH
SOMETHING.



THE WAR'S
OUT OF
CONTROL, AND THERE
AREN'T
ENOUGH
SOLDIERS

BUT I DON'T
CARE ABOUT
HONOR OR
THE GLORY
OF THE BATTLE,
REALLY.

FOR
YOU.

YOU'RE
STILL A
STUDENT,
RIGHT?



...HE'S NOT
MY FATHER

AT LEAST,
I NEVER FELT
THAT WAY
TOWARDS HIM



FATHER
WOULDN'T
LET YOU



WE'LL LIVE
TOGETHER
IN THIS
HOUSE



THAT'S NOT
TRUE, DAD...



THOUGH...

I DO THINK
HE WOULD'VE
TREATED YOU
BETTER IF I
HADN'T COME
HERE



.....



VERY GLAD
TO HAVE A
BROTHER
LIKE YOU

RELIVE
ME

PEYTON IS
GETTING
ENGAGED?



HER PARTNER
IS AN AVID
ENTREPRENEUR
THAT WOULD
LOVE TO TAKE
A SHOT IN.

BUT DAVE...

YOUR FATHER
HAS APPROVED
IT, AS WELL.



GRAB!

AREN'T YOU
EMBAR-
ASSED
TO BELL OFF
YOUR OWN
DAUGHTER
LIKE THAT?

CAN'T
YOU THINK
ABOUT WHAT
WOULD
MAKE HER
HAPPY?



DAD?



WHAT'S GO
WITH THEM IS
NO BUSINESS
OF YOURS.

MY
CHILDREN
ARE MY
PROPERTY.



DON'T
THINK SO
HIGHLY OF
YOURSELF!



IF SHE
WASN'T
THE ELDEST
CHILD,

YOU WERE MY
SACRIFICE...

SO THAT WE
OTHERS CAN
PROTECT THIS
COUNTRY.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE CARED IF
SHE DIED ON
THE STREETS.



MR.
SALZMAN

IT'S A
LETTER
FOR YOU.

MR.
SALZMAN









SNOW
FELL LIKE
SMALL
WHITE
PETALS.



SHE
DISTANCED
HERSELF
FROM THE
CROWD AND
SILENTLY
LOOKED
AWAY.



YOU
DISTANCED
ALL THE
WISDOM
AND
CAME TO
SEE ME
OFF.





WHISTLE

POPOPO

...SHIT!!

I WILL
BE WAITING
FOR YOUR
ANSWER!!

THAT WAS A
CONFESSION,
AND THE
LAST WORDS
I COULD
MUTTER.

CRASH

IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
LOST IN THE
NOISE.

BUT I'M
SURE...

MY VOICE
REACHED
HER.

TEAR